OUR SCHOOL

Lycée Carcouet and the French school system https://carcouet.paysdelaloire.e-lyco.fr/

IS LOCATED...



in the west of France, in a suburb of Nantes. The river Loire crosses the city. Our school is between a popular neighbourghood and a residential one. There are also 2 major natural parks: Chézine and La Gaudinière.

THE SCHOOL SYSTEM

School begins at 3 years old in "maternelle". Then primary school starts at 6 years old and lasts 5 years. Middle school/ Junior high school (which we call "collège") lasts 4 years and high school ("lycée" in France) lasts 3 years. We can stop going to school at 16 years old!

we have exams to pass to the next level and at the end of the lycée, we take an exam called "baccalauréat". After the lycée, we can either go to university, or start working, or go to a "Grande école" (engineering, economics...) or go for a gap year!

We have grades with numbers (on 20 or 10 generally) and not letters

There are public and laïc schools, but there are also some private and catholic, jewish, muslim... ones. We almost never wear a uniform, but some





IN OUR SCHOOL..

There are approximately 30 students in a class.

What we can or can't do in our school:

- can't use our phone in class, but we can use it everywhere else!
- can't eat in class
- have to put our chewing-gum in the bin when we enter the classroom
- have to respect the teachers, students, staff and material!
- have a good attitude
- there are some drinking machines, and we can play piano, or babyfoot in the cafétéria.

Exams are complex: we have one after each new chapter.

Every 6 to 7 weeks, we have a 2-week holiday.

We sometimes do school trips to some cities or other countries. But we can also join some clubs (sports, music, theater, reading club...)

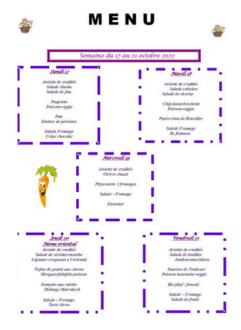


A TYPICAL DAY

Some students take the public transports, car, bike or they walk to school.

In general we begin at 8.05. In the morning, we have 4 hours of class, then it's the lunch break. Some students eat at home and others at the canteen.

The afternoon generally begins at 1.30 pm and and we have maximum 4 hours with a break (10-15 min) before the last 2 hours.





SUBJECTS!

To begin with, there are two types of classes: general and technological studies.

In general classes, there are many different subjects: French, mathematics, Spanish, English, sports, biological science, chemical science, history and geography. Every week, we have 4 hours of French and 3 hours in history, 4 hours of maths, 1h30 for science, 3 hours for languages and 2 hours of sports. Next year, in Première, we will choose specialities: political history, philosophy, engineering, economy...

In technological classes, we can choose other disciplines which are more specialized: management, law, health and social science...

OTHER PLACES

Apart from the classrooms, there are a cafeteria, a canteen and also a big room where we can have some fun during the breaks.

We have a CDI (Center of Documentation and Information), like a library.

There is also a playground which is quite big and looks like a park.

We have an amphitheater where we elect the students who will the members of the CVL (High School association).

To finish this presentation, we can mention the gymnasium and the sport field for sport activities, and the nurse when we're not feeling well.

